

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi Group Art Unit: 1616

Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/435,576

Filed: November 8, 1999

For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR
EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION****PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 20, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2003 for three (3) months from January 20, 2004 to April 20, 2004.

A check for \$1280.00 is enclosed, of which \$950.00 is covering the three (3) months extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

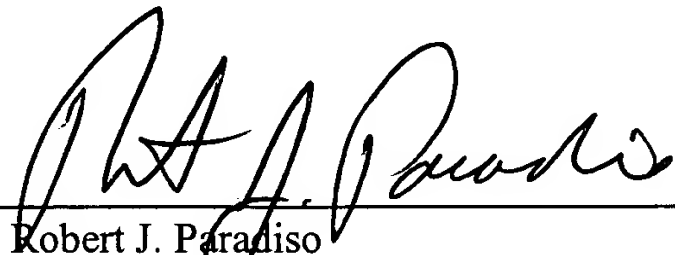
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